## Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW/IDW) Ashante` Hammons

Navy Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW/AW/IDW) Ashante` Hammons was born in Okinawa, Japan and raised in Clovis, New Mexico. She graduated from Clovis Christian School in May 2000. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Eastern New Mexico University in May 2004 and received a Masters of Humanities from Tiffin University in May 2008.

In June 2008, Hammons entered the U.S. Navy attending basic training in Great Lakes, Chicago. Hammons attended Center For Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Keesler in Biloxi, Miss., as an Aerographer's Mate (AG) and her first command was Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center in January 2009.

Hammons converted to Mass Communication Specialist in 2012 and served at Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central/U.S. 5th Fleet from May 2012 to August 2013. While assigned to U.S. 5th Fleet, she was selected as the social media expert, posting over 70 images daily to document the collaboration between U.S. 5th Fleet and their respective countries during interoperability exercises.

Hammons's work is presented worldwide including naval websites. Hammons's personal awards include Enlisted Naval Surface Warfare Specialist Insignia, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Insignia, Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist Insignia, two Navy and Marine Achievement Medals, and one Good Conduct Award, one Navy Unit Commendation Medal, two Junior Sailor of the Quarter Awards, and one Junior Sailor of the Year Award.